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Attn: Ms. Karen Creasy

Monday, 08 February 2010

**Re: Patent 6994547 (serial number 10/089102)
1st maintenance fee due on 7 August 2009**

Dear Ms Creasy

We have received the enclosed notice from your office advising the fee deficiency submission has been dismissed for the above case.

Please find enclosed a new form requesting large entity status and we request the fee deficiency be accepted. If this letter is not sufficient, please give a detailed account of what is needed to give this patent a large entity status.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and we request confirmation that all is in order with this patent.

We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Very yours truly
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US-Patent 6,994,547 in the name of Ashok Sethi and Peter Sochor:

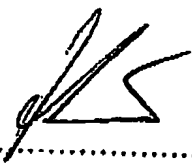
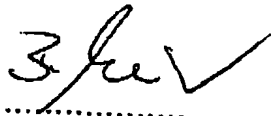
To whom it may concern:

DeguDent GmbH has the exclusive right to use US-Patent 6,994,547.

DeguDent GmbH is a large entity according to USPTO standards.

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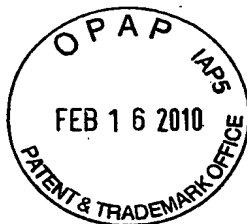
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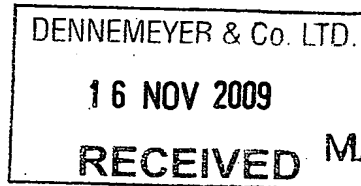
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Application No. 10/089,102
Filed: April 19, 2002
Patentee(s): Ashok Sethi et al

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This is a notice regarding your request filed August 10, 2009 which is being treated as a request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

The request is dismissed because USPTO regulations require that papers filed in the application be signed by a registered attorney or agent, by the applicants (inventors) or by the assignee of the entire interest who has taken action in the application in accordance with 37 CFR 3.71. The request is signed by Mrs. Gillian Gascoigne. See 37 CFR 1.33(b).

The request states that a copy of a declaration signed by the Assignee confirming a large entity was enclosed. However, the signature is not legible and if signed by an assignee, the assignee must comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b). A blank copy is enclosed for your convenience.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

/KOC/
Karen Creasy
Petitions Examiner
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Enclosed: Blank copy of Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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